The **Oneida County History Center** invites you to take part in our *Historical Selfie Scavenger Hunt* this August! We have maps available for both Oneida County and the Utica area.

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You also acknowledge the risks involved in the Historical Selfie Scavenger Hunt. These include but are not limited to crossing streets (which we advise be done at crosswalks) and walking around unfamiliar neighborhoods (which we advise to be done with a parent or guardian). You must make every effort to obey safety precautions.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Age: _____

Child's Signature: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____

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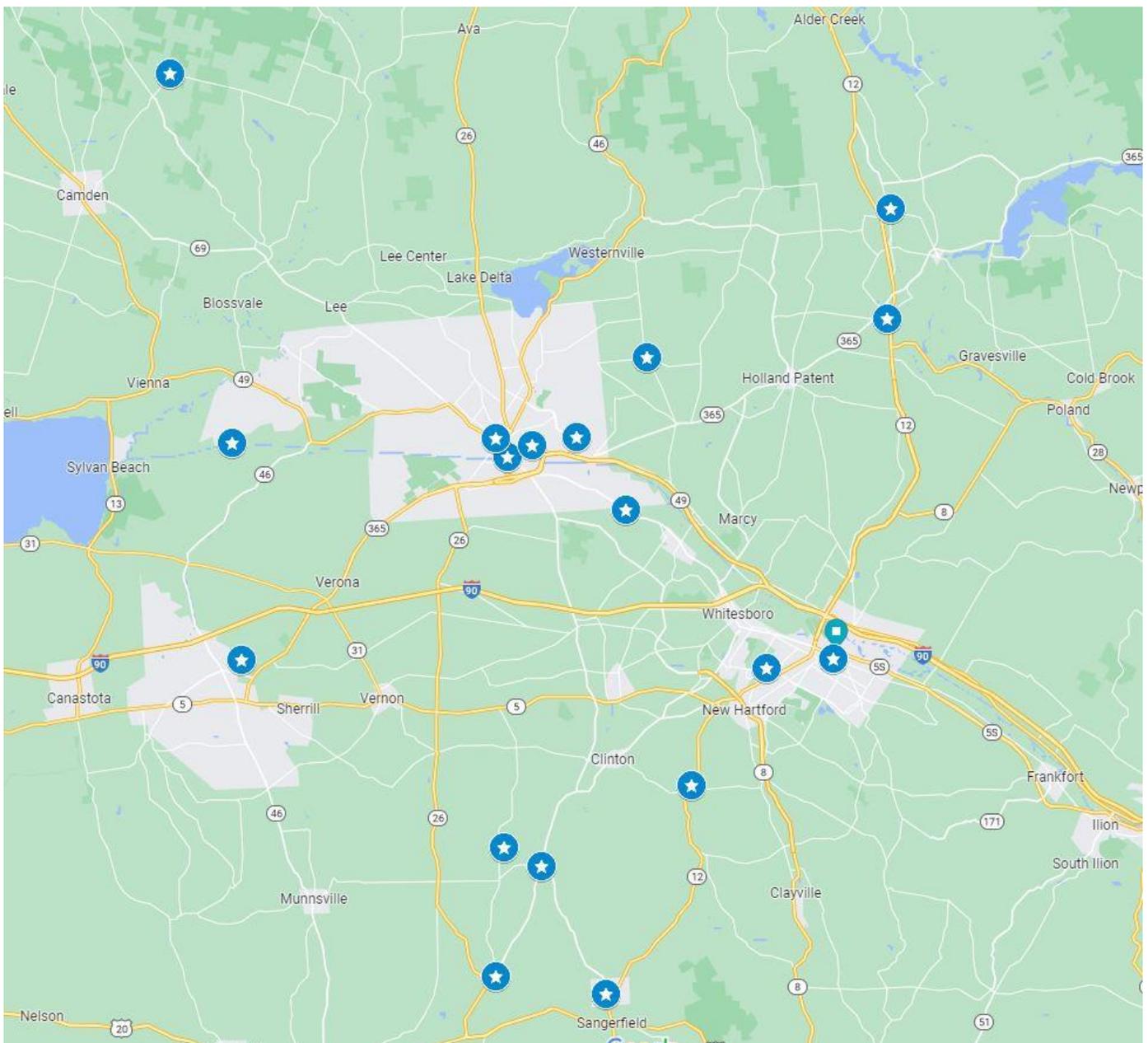
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2022 Historical Selfie Scavenger Hunt
Oneida County Edition

Instructions: Follow the clues and take a selfie at the following historical sites, monuments, or markers on either a camera or smartphone after learning about Oneida County's regional history! You must **visit at least 15 locations.** Bring evidence of your journey to the History Center by **4:00 pm on August 31, 2022**. The first five people to finish the scavenger hunt will receive a membership to the History Center and a fun gift. All participants who complete the hunt will be entered to win the grand prize gift basket, which will be awarded on September 6th. Children 18 and under will receive a participation prize. Be sure to share your adventure and post your photos on social media. Don't forget to tag the History Center!

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1. In the tiny village of Barneveld at the corner of Vanderkamp Avenue and Park Street, there is an unusual-shaped house from the 1850s. These houses promised "increased floor space for the same perimeter as that of a square or rectangular house, and larger wall areas for windows which brought in more light. It wasted less space on hallways since all rooms radiated from one central hall." There are only a few houses like it in Oneida County. Take a selfie with the house.

2. George Eastman founded Eastman Kodak Company in Rochester in 1892. He was born in this small town once known as the "Hops Capital of the World," and the notorious Loomis Gang operated nearby. Take a selfie at the newly painted bandstand in the park.

3. This park on the Erie Canal in Rome is named after a minister whose family moved to Rome when he was five years old. He studied theology at the University of Rochester but is best known for a famous pledge that he wrote in 1892. Snap a selfie at the bridge over the Mohawk River.

4. This railroad depot located southwest of Utica was built in 1867 and was used until 1957 by the Ontario and Western Railroad. A towpath trail here will take you to a one-story wood-framed building that was listed on the National Register of Historic Preservation in 2002. Take a selfie with the old train depot.

5. The Oneida Institute was short-lived (1827–1843), but this highly influential school was a national leader in the emerging abolitionist movement. The front of the building at 36 Main Street in Whitesboro is the remnant of the Oneida Seminary, a school that later operated on the same spot until 1882. Take a photo with the building.

6. With 10 miles of hiking trails and 250 works of art created by world-renowned artists, the land surrounding this park is reinventing itself and starting a new life after its main business closed in 1995. Take a selfie with your favorite work of art.

7. Col. Thomas Cassety built a gristmill and settled in this village in 1792. It was originally named Cassety Hollow but was later renamed after the nearby waterfall. Snap a photo with the falls from the viewing platform on Cassety Street.

8. This train depot is in a town known for its many Welsh settlers and was reconstructed in 1999 to replicate the original depot that operated here in the 1890s. Today, it functions as a station with the Adirondack Scenic Railroad. Snap a selfie with the water tower!

9. Oneida County has a new historical marker! It was dedicated this May in anticipation of the United States Semiquincentennial (250th anniversary). This marker remembers the Revolutionary War patriots who fought for independence in all battles, but especially those who fought in "the bloodiest battle of the Revolutionary War," which happened very nearby.   Take a selfie with the new marker.

10. Although it sits outside the administrative office of a factory associated with copper, this large bell was made by a colonial-era silversmith from Boston, famous for his midnight ride… Take a photo with the big bell!

11. A road, a nearby golf course, and this church built in 1863, all share the same Welsh name. The church was put on the National Register of Historic Places in 2007 for its Greek Revival architecture. Take a photo with the historical marker.

12. Erie Canal folklore tells the tale of a giant frog named Joshua, who was first discovered in Rome. The frog later moved to a pond in this tiny hamlet in northern Oneida County. Joshua was enormous; he had legs that were over six-feet long. He was so large when he jumped into the pond that "he splashed water thirty feet into the air, and the pond became six feet wider." Joshua's food consisted of chipmunks, squirrels, and sometimes rabbits. He is said to have sometimes worked at a nearby sawmill. Take a photo at this legendary pond.

13. The New York State Barge Canal was completed in 1918 and was built to replace the smaller Erie Canal. Recent tourism efforts are using the term Erie Canal to refer to the 1918 Barge Canal; some maps mistakenly label it Pool's Brook. Find the location in the last lock on the canal heading west before you get to Oneida Lake. Take a photo at the lock.

14. Samson Occom was a notable Brothertown Indian missionary and is buried near Deansboro. The Brothertown Indians are a tribe that descends from Christian Indians of the Mohegan, Pequot, Niantic, Narragansett, Montaukett, and Tunxis tribes from seven separate Indian villages in Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Long Island, New York. They briefly settled in Oneida County and are now in Wisconsin. Take a selfie with the historic marker dedicated to Samson Occom.

15. This park sits west of Post Street in a neighborhood where many of the city's African-American residents lived in the 19th century. The park was named after Judge James Kent of the New York State Court of Chancery (precursor to the Supreme Court). More recently it is the site of Utica's Juneteenth Celebration. Juneteenth was made a federal holiday in 2021 and commemorates the end of slavery in the United States. Take a photo in the park.

16. This movie theater was built in Rome in 1928. It features a working pipe organ with 400 pipes, percussion instruments, and sound effects. Recently the marquee has been restored, and after many years again looks like it did when it first opened! Take a photo with the marquee.

17. This huge anchor is from an aircraft carrier that shares the name of the famous battle that took place nearby. The aircraft carrier saw battles in the Korean War and Vietnam. The decommissioned ship was purposely sunk as an artificial reef known as the Great Carrier Reef. Take a photo with the huge anchor!

18. "The world's smallest chapel" was built in 1989 and only has room for four people. It is located on an island in a pond near the Madison County border in Oneida, New York. The church is open by appointment only, but you can get great photos with it from the shore. Snap a selfie!

19. Located between New Hartford and the town of Paris, this non-sectarian memorial park features a 75-foot tall "Tower of Memories" built of stone and cement at the top of the hill. It almost looks like part of a castle. Another distinguishing feature is that the original part of the cemetery features no tombstones. Take a photo with the tower.

20. A large "Ordinary" bicycle is on exhibit at the Oneida County History Center. It dates from 1892, and with a five-foot tall front wheel, you will see that it's no ordinary bike. Take a selfie with the bike.

Need help finding answers to your clues? Visit the Oneida County History Center, Oneida County Tourism, New York State Path Through History, or research online. *Kids: Please ask an adult for assistance when searching online. www.oneidacountyhistory.org   Contact: preynolds@oneidacountyhistory.org